

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JASPER, INDIANA
FEBRUARY 17, 2010**

A meeting of the Common Council of the City of Jasper, Indiana, was held on Wednesday, February 17, 2010, in the Council Chambers of City Hall located at 610 Main Street, Jasper, Indiana.

Call to Order. Presiding Officer Mayor William J. Schmitt called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Roll Call.

Mayor William J. Schmitt	Present
Council members:	
John Schroeder	Present
David Prectel	Present
Thomas Schmidt	Present
Ambrose 'Butch' Schitter	Absent
Kevin Manley	Present
Randall Buchta	Present
Raymond Howard	Absent
City Attorney Sandra Hemmerlein	Present
Clerk-Treasurer Juanita S. Boehm	Present

Clerk-Treasurer Juanita Boehm announced that in order to have a quorum for the meeting, a majority of the council members must be in attendance. Five of the seven council members were in attendance, which is a majority; therefore, there was a quorum for the meeting.

Pledge. Mayor Schmitt invited all those present to join him in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of the Minutes:

The following minutes were distributed to and examined by the Council:

1. January 20, 2010 regular Common Council meeting
2. January 20, 2010 6:50 p.m. public hearing concerning the petition of Springs Valley Bank and Trust Company to rezone the property at 1515 Main Street and the vacant lot located directly to its north from R-3 residential to B-1 business district
3. January 7, 2010 special meeting with the Library Board

A **motion** was made by Council member David Prectel and seconded by Council member Thomas Schmidt to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried 5-0.

Utility Service Board. General Manager of Utilities Gerald 'Bud' Hauersperger gave a report on the regular monthly Utility Service Board meeting held on February 15, 2010. Copies of the minutes are supplied to each council member.

RESOLUTION NO. 2010-1 A RESOLUTION OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JASPER, INDIANA REGARDING A REDUCTION IN WORK HOURS FOR ALL HOURLY ELECTRIC GENERATION EMPLOYEES

This resolution sets the terms and conditions for reducing the work hours for all hourly Electric Generation employees.

A motion was made by Council member Kevin Manley and seconded by Council member Randy Buchta to consider the resolution for one reading only. Motion carried 5-0. Thereafter, a motion was made by Council member Randy Buchta and seconded by Council member David Prechtel to have the resolution read by title only. Motion carried 5-0. The city attorney so read the resolution. Thereafter, a motion was made by Council member John Schroeder and seconded by Council member David Prechtel to pass and adopt Resolution No. 2010-1. Motion carried 5-0.

Under discussion, City Attorney Sandra Hemmerlein said this recommendation comes from the Utility Service Board. Bud Hauersperger said the Utility Service Board asked him to come up with a plan to reduce the work force at the power plant. The recommendation that was proposed to that Board was to reduce the work hours for hourly employees at the power plant to 32 hours per week plus take off one other day per month without pay.

Mayor Schmitt said the City is trying to be fair to everyone until we get a handle on things in the next few months. This change affects twelve employees. These employees are still eligible for benefits.

ORDINANCE NO. 2010-3 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 2002-54 ENTITLED “AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING FEES FOR ACTIVITIES OF THE JASPER DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION”

This ordinance establishes ticket fees for train excursions to French Lick and for Ride and Dines to Dubois.

A motion was made by Council member Thomas Schmidt and seconded by Council member Kevin Manley to consider the ordinance for one reading only. Motion carried 5-0. Thereafter, a motion was made by Council member David Prechtel and seconded by Council member Randy Buchta to have the ordinance read by title only. Motion carried 5-0. The ordinance was so read. Thereafter, a motion was made by Council member Thomas Schmidt and seconded by Council member John Schroeder to pass and adopt Ordinance No. 2010-3. Motion carried 5-0.

Under discussion, City Attorney Sandra Hemmerlein explained some of the fees that are included in this amendment such as:

Individual Excursion – round trip to French Lick, IN	\$47.00
Chartering of a train car – round trip to French Lick, IN (Only during a regular scheduled run) Lounge Car or Club Car	\$2000.00
Individual Excursion – round trip to Dubois, IN (Ride and Dine)	\$42.00
Chartering of train car – round trip to Dubois, IN (Ride and Dine) (Only during a regular scheduled run) Lounge Car or Club Car	\$1775.00

JCAC. Jasper Community Arts Commission member Kendall Martin attended the meeting on behalf of the Board. He expressed appreciation for the support of the arts from the Council. He said they are tentatively finishing the schedule for their 35th anniversary season.

Radius Indiana reception. Mayor Schmitt said Radius Indiana, a newly created eight county regional economic development organization serving Dubois County, is hosting a reception at the Dubois County Museum on March 8, 2010 from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. to introduce the Radius group. Schmitt extended an invitation to the council members.

Comprehensive Plan. Council member David Prechtel reported on the Comprehension Plan and said that two public meetings have been held and another public meeting is scheduled for June. The next steering committee meeting will be held at the end of March.

ADJOURNMENT. There being no further business to come before the board, a **motion** was made by Council member Thomas Schmidt and seconded by Council member Randy Buchta to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried 5-0 and the meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

The minutes were hereby approved ____ with X without corrections or clarification this 17th day of March, 2010.

Mayor William J. Schmitt
Presiding Officer

Attest:

Juanita S. Boehm, Clerk-Treasurer

Margaret A. Kress, Recording Secretary